Funding food parks, packing centres, modernisation of slaughter houses and integrated cold storage chain

355. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government make available fund for construction of food parks, packing centres, modernization of slaughter houses and inegrated cold storage chains;

(b) if so, the ratio of loan and grant therein and expected contribution from States in these schemes; and

(c) the amount sanctioned to the Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, year-wise, scheme-wise and programme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Government has implemented a scheme for infrastructure development providing for grant of financial assistance for establishment of food park, packaging centre, value added centre, cold chain, irradiation facilities and modernization of abattoirs. Under the scheme, assistance @ 25 per cent of the project cost in general areas and 33.33 per cent in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore is provided for establishment of food parks and modernization of abattoir. Financial assistance as similar rates is provided for packaging centre and for creation of irradiation facilities subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.00 crore and Rs. 5.00 crore respectively. Financial assistance at similar rates subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakh is also provided for value added centres and cold chain facilities. The remaining share of the project cost for establishment of such infrastructure facilities is required to be met by the implementing agencies in the respective States. The information containing details of assistance sanctioned for FPI projects in Andhra Pradesh for major schemes during the last two years is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Details of financial assistance provided to the projects in Andhra Pradesh under different schemes during 2003-04 and 2004-05

(Rs. in lakh)

Plan Schemes / Year	Infrastructure Development	Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ expansion of FPI	Backward & Forward Integration & other Promotional Activities	Human Resource Develop-ment
2003-04	—	465.57	10.17	51.00
2004-05	3.39	797.67	2.27	—

Non-essential and hazardous drugs

356. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Macro-Economics and Health have identified 10 popular medicines like Becosule, Digene, Combiflam, Evion, Revital etc. being irrational, non-essential and hazardous;

(b) if so, whether Government laboratories would be asked to make random investigation on two to three such medicines with a view to maintaining the faith or otherwise of the existing users; and

(c) if so, what is the time-frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. The report of the National Commission on Macro-Economic and Health has not made any such specific observations. A background paper on access of essential drugs and medicines written by Dr. S. Sakthivel for the National Commission on Macro-Economics and Health has made certain comments